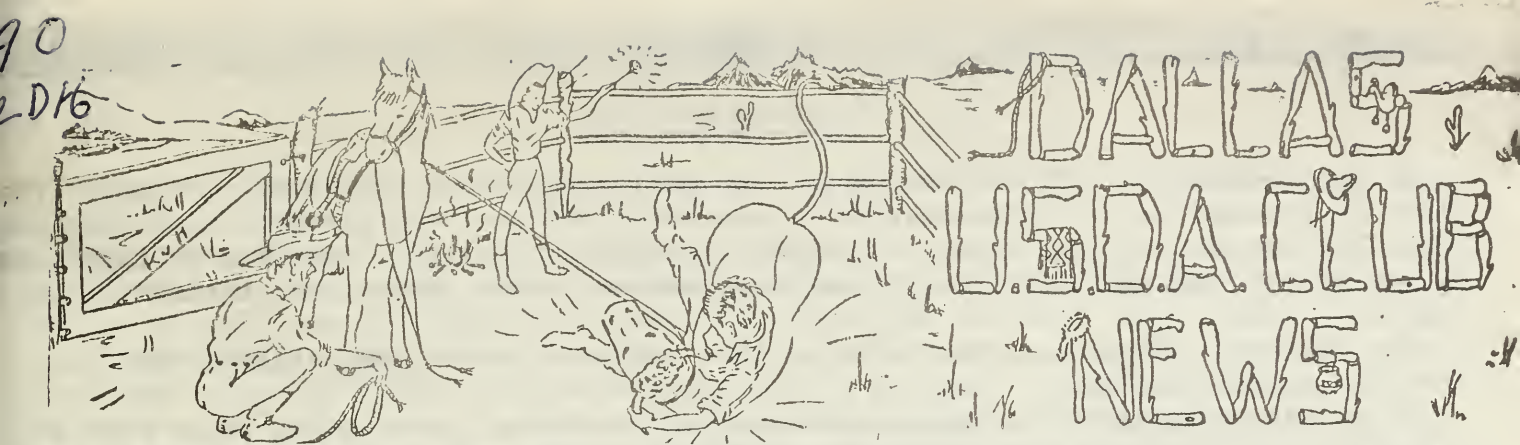


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Merry Christmas
TO ALL AND TO ALL A
GOODNIGHT



QUAINT BUT NEW

Do you like Santa? Of course you do - no matter what your age or who you are. You like him because he is representative of the spirit of love and giving. He causes you to reflect on a story that has a permanent interesting quality. Everyone is impressed by the story. All children love it and we grown-ups never cease to be interested in it.

Why is that? There are other stories that children love - and outgrow! But this one they never outgrow.

To be sure the story has charm; and there is something quaint about being born in a stable - although the Baby Jesus was certainly not the only child ever born in a stable! The shepherds are interesting, especially to those who never see shepherds; the mystery of those visitors from the East adds flavor to the story. However, the stable and the shepherds and the wise men hardly explain the perennial interest in the story of the birth of the Lord Jesus in Bethlehem.

Could it be this - that our inner awareness of need, of need for God; our inner awareness of our distance from Him, of our backs being turned from Him - that all of this is now being met by the message from the angels - that in this story, is God's answer to our need, and as we listen to the story we feel that here is the secret of hope and of joy. God has done something - He has visited His people. All through the years the poor and hungry in spirit, the downtrodden and the outcasts have realized it when they heard the story.

Whereas others have been born into a nation, or a people or a situation, and became for their own countries or for their own times the symbol of release from some of man's ills - this Babe from the manger came not into one country or into an era - He came into the world and into time, that we might have life and have it more abundantly - peace on earth, goodwill toward men!

No ideal today has such power to move men's hearts as the ideal of world peace. The free world, the communist world, the neutral world, all talk about peace. The religions of the world proclaim peace. But does Christianity actually have a message and mission of true peace in our time, peace with justice and righteousness, peace that will set free and not enslave, peace with love that comes from human hearts and wills and is not enforced by outside tyranny?

We hear it said that Christianity has failed. How untrue that is and how sad that instead we have failed Christianity. Christians can be peacemakers and bearers of God's peace and goodwill only if Christianity today overcomes its limitations of fear, grudges, greed, antagonism and racial prejudices. May the Christmas spirit pour oil into Christianity's lamp.

-Mildred Yeager-

A THOUGHT

There are eight requisites for contented living: health enough to make work a pleasure; wealth enough to support your needs; strength to battle with difficulties and overcome them; grace enough to confess your sins and forsake them; patience enough to toil until some good is accomplished; charity enough to see some good in your neighbor; faith enough to make real the things of God; hope enough to remove all anxious fear concerning the future.

-Johann Wolfgang von Goethe-

LOOKING BACK

Dallas CSS employees may well remember in the year's to come the enormous job they tackled in 1955.

Take-overs of agricultural products under the farm price support program were extremely large. Rough rice alone amounted to about 26,000,000 hundredweight, to say nothing of millions of bushels of wheat, grain sorghum and many, many other products.

In inventory at the present time are 182,000,000 bushels wheat; 11,500,000 hundredweight milled rice; 9,900,000 hundredweight grain sorghum; 1,700,000 hundredweight rough rice; 800,000 bushels oats; 541,000 drums rosin; 214,000 pounds fescue; 77,000 bushels corn; 36,000 barrels turpentine; 21,000 pounds tung oil; 9,000 bushels rye, and 2,000 bushels barley.

In addition to take-overs, sales under various merchandising programs have been large. For instance, latest count shows we have sold 83,000,000 bushels grain sorghum; 55,000,000 bushels wheat; 15,300,000 bushels oats; 1,400,000 bushels corn; 408,000 bushels barley; 310,000 bushels rye and 110,000 bushels soybeans.

These activities have required an enormous amount of paperwork. All commodities sold or reconcentrated required loading orders to be issued and freight bills to be paid. In fact, 101,160 freight bills and 11,531 loading orders have already been issued, the highest workload ever assigned this office.

And it has taken more personnel to do it. At the beginning of the year, the number stood at 279...at peak season at 591. Because of inadequate space, desks were literally snoved together and tables placed in every nook so operations could continue. CSS management appreciates the fine attitude of all employees in performing their work under these adverse conditions. All did an outstanding job in getting the work out without adverse criticism from the trade and general public.



Boy! I'll be glad to unload
this grain on that Moseley character.

Ideas



The Moral to this cartoon is to get your "Ideas" in as soon as possible.

Hurry! Hurry!

KvH

The enlarged initials above are promptly recognizable as those of the U.S.D.A. Club News artist and cartoonist doing its sporadic 1955 efforts.

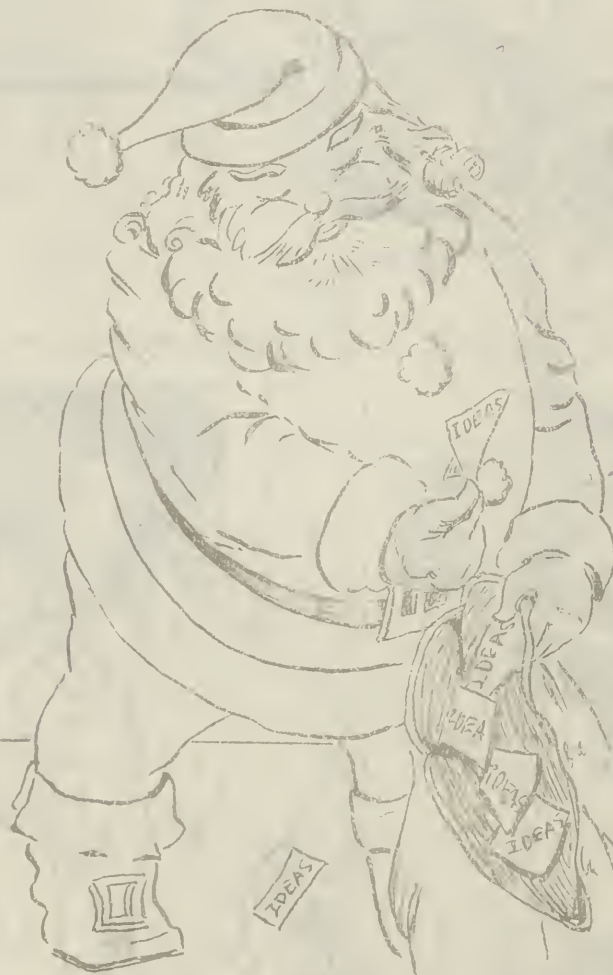
The person is Katharyn Van Haltern, who worked until recently in Invoice and Payment Unit, Fiscal Division of the Commodity Office. This article can now be written, as she wouldn't consent to any eulogies while still working here. As editor of this paper for 1955, I want to publicly express my appreciation for the fine work which Katharyn has done. Her distinctive art and cartoon work has been the subject of considerable praise from our readers, though often misdirected to the editor. While the writer has no professional journalism or newspaper experience (or did you suspect?), it is opinion that Katharyn is a real professional cartoonist. She draws rapidly, requiring only the very minimum of explanation by the person whose idea is being expanded. Moreover, she can and has furnished both idea and drawing for many of the illustrations you've seen. I could go on and on about the lovely lady's sense of humor, her cooperative spirit, and her great talent.

Katharyn, we're all going to miss you - and Ol' Dave the most. I'm real glad my term on the paper expires with this issue - I sure 'nuff never could get out a paper without you.

-David M. Wells-



HEY! DON'T WAIT ON SANTA



GET YOUR IDEAS IN NOW.